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Subject: RE: Can you get an update on meetings from Brad before I leave for Sedalia in the morning around 745

Bob,

Ben Washburn and I met today with Ms. Kay Drey and Mr. Ed Smith (MCE) at her residence. Another lady, (former ST. Louis Post Dispatch reporter – retired) was also present. Ben has all meeting notes and names in attendance. We discussed Ms. Drey's personal history in the St. Louis area and her perspective on the WLL site, my role as the recently assigned EPA RPM, EPA's letter to the RPs on January 15 directing additional RIM characterization, and EPA's pending RIM testing, and the ongoing overall SFS process. Overall, the meeting was positive and I was also able to hopefully dispel some of their misunderstandings surrounding the Corps' FUSRAP program, specifically their three most notable false assumptions:

- 1) The Corps would simply start removing the RIM if WLL was somehow placed in their prevue by congress,
- 2) The Corps would not have to follow the CERCLA process, and
- 3) The Corps could simply bypass the need to have the responsible parties perform any actions per law (i.e., polluter pay requirement).

They also did not fully understand how involved in the FUSRAP program the Kansas City District has historically been, which I could explain having been with the KC District during several of the transitions meetings from DOE. Ms. Drey also incorrectly assumed St. Louis District maintained the only or best expertise to address environmental issues in the St. Louis area (which she still believes but we can agree to disagree). I further supported my discussion by briefly explaining the KC Corps role under DOD's DERP/IRP/FUDS program, and how KC District had indeed been significantly involved as the engineering arm of the Army at current and former military sites throughout Missouri, and specifically in the St. Louis area at sites like Weldon Spring and former Tyson Valley Powder Farm that I had directly worked on for several years when employed by USACE. Their misunderstanding of Corps District responsibilities are not uncommon, as many folks confuse these which as you know vary by civil, military or environmental boundaries. On a personal note, Ms. Drey also mentioned liking our RA and respecting him but still believes FUSRAP should be handling the cleanup due to the site's historical connections to FUSRAP sites. Overall, I believe that meeting went well and was

positive.

We then met with the Bridgeton Assistance Fire Chief, Matt LeVanchy. I had originally met with him in December and wanted to circle back to discuss and remaining concerns he or his fire team has with facility fires. Since our recent posting of the (draft) RP's GCPT report did not provide context, he mistakenly believed that RIM was or had been found within the North Quarry (as others will also likely misunderstand, as with Ms. Drey and Mr. Smith in our earlier meeting). I again discussed our letter directing additional characterization and location of RIM (not found to date in the former north quarry) and RPs intent to provide EPA with a revised work plan in the next 30 days to complete RIM characterization south and west of Area 1 and firmly establish a line where RIM is not present. I also discussed the pending RIM testing. He felt both of these moves by EPA were positive and requested that we provide him with an updated figure showing clearly where the new RIM detections had been identified to calm those concerns. I told him that I would send him one next week, as we can just take the GCPT figure with detections and clearly outline the area where RIM has been identified for his clarity. We also revisited his concerns expressed in December with surface fires in Area 2/Crossroads property where bush has grown very high (in some trees) and his crews' concerns with RIM bearing dust if a response were required. I told him that I had raised this issue to our team to discuss further, began looking into historical documents (brush removal plans, and vegetation sampling report), MDNR and Paul Rosasco. I told him that if taking down the brush per prior approved plan may have been placed on hold due to concerns within the local community that such actions were reflecting work to start remedy (i.e., capping). Some of this effort could also be on hold as it was directly linked within the preconstruction removal work plan, pending IB status (at least in Area 1). I told him that if the RPs were willing to perform the work, then we would need to have clear agreement between EPA, MDNR and RPs. He suggested consideration for taking down at least the worst area that are heavily overgrown with trees to the grass level to reduce possibility of canopy fires. This would be logical, as it would still leave grasses to stabilize for runoff but reduce the worst fire threat. Regardless, EPA would also want to have clear and open discussion(s) with public parties (with him present) prior to executing any such work, so the public would fully understand why this effort was being performed (again assuming RPs would agree to perform the work). He stated his full support for any such actions that would reduce the possibility of fire at the site and felt it extremely helpful for EPA to identify clearly where the RIM is located, and would address his largest concerns. Then we discussed his recent FLIR flyover video and he mentioned plans to perform another one tonight at 10 pm to see if the thermal signatures he thought that were present on his daytime video in the former North Quarry were still visible (or as I suspect and suggested, just surface thermal loading and resonance of solar energy). Stayed tuned for the next video.

Tomorrow, we plan to stop by Midwest Metals (body shop) an Earth City business to meet/greet with that neighbor, and meet with the St. Louis County Health Director. Also, plan to stop by EPA air sampling trailer to check in on status with on duty OSC before driving back in afternoon to RO.

Call me if you need anything.

Thanks,

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From: Field, Jeff

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Brad, can you provide Bob a brief summary of the meetings you had today and who you will be meeting with tomorrow?

Thanks

From: Jackson, Robert W.

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